

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
PARAGUAY BUREAU
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Paraguay Bureau --
September 1985

I. GENERAL

STAT 1. Staff and non-staff personnel on the 25th attended the reception held at the Residence to say farewell to outgoing Ambassador Davis, who departed post on the 28th. His replacement, Ambassador-designate Clyde Taylor, who has not yet been approved by the Senate, is planning to arrive in Paraguay toward the end of October or early November.

2. During the month the new two-person editorial desk and the accompanying Lazy Susan were installed. The editorial desk forms the shape of an "H" with one leg missing, and the Lazy Susan is a spin off of the now-famous [redacted] design from Okinawa. The bureau also received a new cabinet for newspaper storage, and we should be receiving the desk for our new computer room and lockers for all staff in the next couple of weeks. In addition, Main Radio and the future computer room were recarpeted, and the storage room went through a major spring cleaning.

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3. Field Engineering Division has advised the bureau that the contract has been signed to purchase a 4.6-meter antenna and the necessary ground control equipment for our Associate ROSET system. The contractor and the regional engineer will be visiting the bureau in mid-October to inspect the prospective sites and meet with local contractors.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The main focus of attention in Bolivia this month was the government-labor crisis resulting from labor's opposition to the new economic policy of the Paz Estenssoro government. On the 3d, the principal labor grouping declared a general strike that was to last only 48 hours, but when it was extended the government responded by

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having the Army occupy petroleum installations and the Air Force take over airport operations. In a forceful action to break the strike, the government on the 19th declared a state of siege and arrested some 2,000 union and opposition leaders, many of whom were banished to the remote Amazon region. As the month closed, the Congress was debating the state of siege in nightly sessions that the bureau is covering.

2. Events in Chile took a turn for the worse in September with violent incidents increasing. On the 4th, the main workers organization sponsored a "Day of Protest" against the government of President Pinochet that resulted in 11 killed and some 1,000 arrested. President Pinochet delivered a speech to the nation on the 11th, the 12th anniversary of his assumption of power. In the speech, which the bureau excerpted, Pinochet praised the policies of his government and attacked the opposition and the multiparty National Accord for the Transition to Democracy for promoting disorder. On the 16th, our Santiago contractor relayed a speech by opposition leader Gabriel Valdez broadcast by Radio Chilena. This is the first such speech by an opposition leader broadcast since Pinochet came to power. Our Santiago contractor has already sent his first two video tapes since acquiring this capability; they were on the 11 September National Day festivities and Army Day on the 19th.

3. The bureau resumed regular coverage of Argentine television on the 25th, after Clorinda Channel 2, a repeater station of Formosa Channel 11, began carrying a 30-minute, direct relay from Buenos Aires of national and international news Monday through Friday. The new program is named "Television Informa," replacing the "30 Millones" program previously relayed by the Clorinda repeater.

4. The Paraguayan Government over the month tightened its pressure on the local opposition, banishing two MOPOCO leaders on the 8th to remote areas, arresting another on his return from Argentina on the 18th, and detaining another on the 21st. In addition, a leader of the main opposition Liberal Party was detained and held for a week. Furthermore, public infighting within the ruling Colorado Party has increased since the party executive board intervened in precinct elections. The dollar-guarani exchange rate has momentarily stabilized at between 750-800 after going over 1,000 last month.

B. Cruising

The cruiser is participating in the biannual survey of Moscow International Service broadcasts, and he completed during the month a survey of Havana International Service broadcasting. While cruising Bolivian stations in support of the monitorial staff during the government-labor crisis, he discovered the "Cadena Nacional de Emisoras Mineras (National Network of Mining Stations)."

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C. Technical

1. A new television antenna was installed on the roof to enhance coverage of Argentine television. The antenna is mounted on the tower on top of the roof and utilizes a mixer, a distributor amplifier and five distributor boosters each with four outputs.

2. VHF transceivers were installed in the bureau's car and truck and a base established in main radio. This system is compatible with our beeper recall system and will be incorporated into the Embassy security system.

3. The following equipment was purchased locally for the Lima contractor: a Panasonic VCR, an ITT AM-FM radio/television/cassette player, and an NTV Viking phone patch setup.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. The Embassy on the 29th implemented for local employees an across-the-board pay increase of 9 percent, far short of a 40-percent increase that had been recommended by the Ambassador for 1 September but turned down by the Department.

STAT 2. The bureau started pre-employment processing for newly selected associate editor candidate [redacted]. If all goes well, we hope to have him report for duty before the end of the year, based on our past experience with our first candidate.

III. VISITS

STAT 1. [redacted]

STAT [redacted] departed post on the 14th on a medevac TDY.

STAT 2. [redacted] deputy chief/Operations Group, visited the bureau 24-26 September.

3. An IG inspection team TDY'ed at the bureau 29 September-3 October.

IV. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

STAT 1. On the 10th, Bureau Chief [redacted] and Deputy Chief [redacted] represented the

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bureau at a reception given on the occasion of the inauguration of the new Peace Corps center. Peace Corps Director Loret Ruppe was the guest of honor.

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2. On the 28th, [redacted] hosted an Embassy-wide surprise shower for mother-to-be Editor [redacted]
[redacted] She received lots of goodies for the future editor.

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Chief, FBIS Paraguay Bureau

CC: C/Panama Bureau
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Attachments: Production Report

PARAGUAY UREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR SEI MEMBER 1985

<u>TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:</u>	370,010
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TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING THE MONTH:	279,610
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING THE MONTH:	90,400
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING THE MONTH:	811

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCY	PUBLIC-ATIONS
I. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE</u>	7,455 (min)	41,310 (min)	171.25 (issues)

II. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u>

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish	4,310
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish	15,020
Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish	8,830
Buenos Aires DYN in Spanish	1,600
Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in English	13,280
Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish	190
Buenos Aires GENTE in Spanish	0
Buenos Aires LA NACION in Spanish	2,390
Buenos Aires AMBITO FINANCIERO in Spanish	0
Buenos Aires LA PRENSA in Spanish	970

BOLIVIA

La Paz Radio Illimani Network in Spanish	5,140
La Paz Cadena Panamericana in Spanish	28,020
La Paz EL DIARIO in Spanish	90
La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish	1,000

BRAZIL

Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	3,450
Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese	0

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BRAZIL - continued

Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes Network in Portuguese	7,330
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes in Portuguese	340
Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese	1,600
Rio de Janeiro LATIN AMERICA DAILY POST in English	0
Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese	0
Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese	5,920
Sao Paulo FOLHA DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese	3,380
Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese	400
Sao Paulo VEJA in Portuguese	0

CHILE

Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish	22,490
Santiago Radio Chilena in Spanish	10,370
Santiago COSAS in Spanish	0
Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish	6,500
Santiago HOY in Spanish	0
Santiago LA TERCERA DE LA HORA in Spanish	690
Santiago QUE PASA in Spanish	0
Santiago ANALISIS in Spanish	5,470
Santiago FORTIN MAPOCHO in Spanish	760

CHINA

Beijing in Spanish to Latin America	0
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FRANCE

Paris AFP in Spanish	39,080
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PARAGUAY

Asuncion Domestic Service in Spanish	0
Asuncion Red Privada de Telefusora Paraguaya Television in Spanish	0
Asuncion Cerro Cora Sistema Nacional Television in Spanish	1,730
Asuncion EL DIARIO in Spanish	3,410
Asuncion EL PUEBLO in Spanish	0
Asuncion HOY in Spanish	2,680
Asuncion PATRIA in Spanish	50
Asuncion SENDERO in Spanish	0
Asuncion ULTIMA HORA in Spanish	220

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Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	0
Lima Television Service in Spanish	12,810
Lima Radio del Pacifico in Spanish	5,300
Lima Cadena America Television in Spanish	2,360
Lima Cadena Panamericana Television in Spanish	9,680
Lima Televisora Lima in Spanish	1,780
Lima Radioprogramas 'del Peru in Spanish	2,350
Lima CARETAS in Spanish	0
Lima EXPRESO in Spanish	0
Lima EL DIARIO MARKA in Spanish	1,640
Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish	100
Lima LA REPUBLICA in Spanish	0

SPAIN

MADRID EFE in Spanish	28,020
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UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Moscow in		
Portuguese to Brazil	0	
Moscow in		
Spanish to Latin America	0	
Moscow in		
Spanish to Chile	10,280	
Moscow in		
Spanish to Cuba	0	
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in		
Spanish to Latin America	900	
Moscow Radio Magallanes in		
Spanish to Chile	1,260	

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Montevideo Radio El Espectador Network in		
Spanish] ,600	
Montevideo Radio Carve in		
Spanish	1,080	
Montevideo EL DIA in		
Spanish	1,110	
Montevideo LA HORA in		
Spanish	1,520	
Montevideo OPINAR in		
Spanish	1,110	